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Per *Ramulus*, for Singapore, 6 Chinese.

The Austrian Lloyd's s.s. *Marquis Bacque* has left Kobe for this port this morning.

H. M. S. *Centurion* is now at Amoy, and will leave to-morrow, arriving here early on Monday. Admiral Buller is expected here in the *Alacrity* about the 6th or 7th.

H. M. S. *Undaunted*, at Foochow, is under

orders to leave for Hongkong, where she will dock and take in supplies preparatory to going South, to relieve the *Mercury* and a senior officer's ship on the Straits station.

THE double-decked steam-launch *Bismarck* capsized on the river Menam on the 21st ult. Upwards of 200 persons were on board. Fortunately only from 10 to 20 were drowned.

THE *Phra Nang* gets a quick despatch leaving again for Hongkong to-morrow after one day in port. This smacks of business, says the *Siam Free Press* of the 19th inst.

VESSELS IN THE DOCKS:—At Kowloon—
Helene Rickmers, Praya, Kowloon Tea
Kagoshima Maru, Progress, Riojun Maru
Feihoo.
Cosmopolitan—Gaelic.

Aberdeen—Kiushiu Maru, Jacob Christensen.

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We are informed on the best authority that our announcement that the General

Douglas Steamship Company had acceded to the representations of the general body of shareholders in favour of a \$15 bonus instead of \$12.50 was premature. So far

as our recent information goes no representations have as yet been laid before the General Managers from the general body of shareholders, although a petition around robin is being circulated with this object. Investors and contemporaries

'DOUBTFUL' writes as follows to the *Peking Echo* :—Your Correspondent 'Radical' in last Saturday's issue is wrong as regards the International Telegraph Convention.

preventing the Eastern Extension Company from having their own line to Sharp Peak, the Convention alluded to does not deal with such matters, but only formulates rules for international working, arranges for notification of international changes of tariff and

new Stations and so on. For years to now certain knowledge the Eastern Extension Company have done their best to persuade the Chinese to allow them to work the Sharp Peak line, payment for its use at

but with no success. This seems especially hard, as, if a Chinese Telegraph Company, indeed a cable on the shore of England, would only be necessary for the directors to ask the British Government for a wire

to London and they would get it, on being charged a fair interest on the outlay. The Danish Company whose cables land at Newcastle have such a line, so have the French Atlantic Company, so have the American Cable Company and the very

Chinese Telegraph Company that block the Eastern Extension Company's way Foochow is indebted to the latter Company for land-line and cable across British Kowloon to Hongkong. There is a power to

could remedy this unjust state of things with a word the British Government. But will it say it?

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The drawing for the Hongkong Football Challenge Cup took place to-day. Seven

teen teams have entered for this Competition, so that in the first round the Committee have arranged that fifty should have byes, the two teams to meet being 35th Company, Southern Division R.A., and E. Company Rifle Brigade T.

First round:—35: h Company S. D. R. versus E Company R. B., to be played off before November 16.

Second round:—Winner of first tie H. M. S. Centurion; T. Company R. B.

12th Company, S. D. R. A.; F. Company
R.B. v. A. Company R.B.; B. Company
R.B. v. G. Company, R.B.; Hongkong
Colts v. H. M. S. *Daphne*; Police
Hongkong Football Club; D. Company
R.B. v. Kowloon; C. Company R.H.
H. M. S. *Eolus*.

Among the statesmen Mr Goschen was probably the worst hand. He is said to have taken up one of his own memoranda the other day, and being very short-sighted exclaimed, 'A man who writes like that'.

A PROPOS of Mirecourt, the centre of the French marcouvres, the London *Daily News* Paris Correspondent says: The Duchesse de Berry, mother of the Comte de Chambord, visited Mirecourt and the surrounding country. When she arrived at Charmes a

founded a triumphal arch spanning the U Street. It was of the peculiar kind of a known in France as charmilles, and used sometimes instead of privet for screening walls. The Mayor received her at this arch and said, "Madame, Charmes is charmed possess your charms, and to present to you, boys and girls, that they may know."

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